

HOUSE BILL No. 1872

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 8-16.

Synopsis: Wabash River bridges. Requires the transportation finance authority to purchase the bridge crossing the Wabash River on State Highway 66. Provides for the operation of the bridge under the laws governing the operation and financing of bridges into adjoining states. Allows money collected from the use of the bridge in Mount Vernon to be used for the acquisition of the bridge on State Highway 66.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 23, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Interstate and International Cooperation.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2002 Regular or Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning transportation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 8-16-1-26 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 26. (a) This section
3 applies only to a bridge that:
4 (1) was constructed under this chapter **or was acquired under**
5 **this chapter and IC 8-16-15;** and
6 (2) crosses the Wabash River.
7 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, a bridge
8 subject to this section does not become a part of the system of state
9 highways free of tolls or a tollway under IC 8-15-3 when bonds are
10 retired and all funds fully reimbursed.
11 (c) Money collected for the use of a bridge subject to this section
12 shall be allocated to the authority and used for the following purposes:
13 (1) Operation of ~~the~~ a toll bridge facility **described in subsection**
14 **(a).**
15 (2) Maintenance of ~~the~~ a toll bridge facility **described in**
16 **subsection (a).**



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(3) ~~A reserve fund for future toll bridges over the Ohio River to be located within the same county in which the bridge subject to this section is located. The acquisition of a bridge described in IC 8-16-15.~~

SECTION 2. IC 8-16-15-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 1. Subject to the provisions of this chapter **and IC 8-16-1**, the ~~department is hereby authorized and empowered to~~ **Indiana transportation finance authority shall** enter into negotiations with the proper authority having control of the state highways of the state of Illinois, and with the owners of the bridge ~~which that~~ spans the Wabash River and over which State Highway No. 66 passes from ~~this state~~ **Indiana** into the state of Illinois, for the purpose of acquiring the ownership of and title to ~~such the bridge jointly, by the state of Illinois and in the name of the~~ state of Indiana.

SECTION 3. IC 8-16-15-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 2. ~~If the proper authorities of the state of Illinois are empowered by the laws of the state of Illinois to enter into such negotiations; and if the department and the authority having charge of the state highways of the state of Illinois can agree with the owners of such bridge on the purchase price of such bridge; then and in that event the department is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire the ownership of and the title to such bridge; jointly, with the state of Illinois; to pay not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of~~ **(a) The Indiana transportation finance authority shall pay the purchase price agreed upon under section 1 of this chapter out of any funds appropriated to the department which might otherwise be used for the construction of bridges; and available to the authority.**

(b) The Indiana transportation finance authority to may enter into such agreements with the proper authorities of the state of Illinois as may be fair and equitable for the repair, maintenance, and upkeep of such the bridge, and to expend such amounts of the money as may be necessary to maintain such the bridge.

(c) After acquiring the bridge described in section 1 of this chapter, the Indiana transportation finance authority shall operate and maintain the bridge under IC 8-16-1.

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